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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, (TITO)

SUBJECT: TITO VISIT -- DEMONSTRATIONS

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ARRIVAL. A GROUP OF 200 SERBIANS HAVE PERMISSION TO DEMON-  
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REVOKE THESE PERMITS AND RISK A COURT PROCEEDING BECAUSE OF  
THE LACK OF HARD EVIDENCE THAT VIOLENCE WILL TAKE PLACE.

2. ON TUESDAY BILL LUERS MET WITH THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF  
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PLAINED THAT THE PARK SERVICE MAY REVOKE A PERMIT ONLY IF  
HARD EVIDENCE OF A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER TO PUBLIC SAFETY  
IS PRESENT.

3. THANKS TO MR. CHRISTOPHER'S CONTACT WITH THE JUSTICE  
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MARCH 2 TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH CROATION AND SERBIAN DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE TITO VISIT. THE PARK SERVICE ATTORNEY PRESENTED HIS VIEWS ON RECENT COURT DECISIONS WHICH ESTABLISHED STANDARDS NECESSARY TO PROVE CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER. MR. LUERS THEN PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW OF THE POLITICAL AS WELL AS SECURITY DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED WITH TITO'S VISIT. HE STRESSED THE HISTORICAL ANIMOSITIES AMONG THE DEMONSTRATING ETHNIC GROUPS AND THE STRONG EMOTIONS TITO'S PRESENCE WOULD EVOKE. MR. LUERS EMPHASIZED THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF VIOLENT ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH BOTH GROUPS, AND EXPLAINED PAST PATTERNS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY LEND WEIGHT TO OUR BELIEF THAT SOME VIOLENT INCIDENT WILL OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE SERBS AND CROATS DEMONSTRATING IN THE SAME AREA AT THE SAME TIME. MR. LUERS REQUESTED THAT JUSTICE CONSIDER REVOKING THE TWO PERMITS ALREADY GRANTED.

4. MR. CIVILETTI THEN SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE VIGOROUS STANDARDS OF EVIDENCE REQUIRED BY THE COURTS IN DEALING WITH THE "CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER" DETERMINATION, AND LACKING HARD INFORMATION THAT VIOLENCE WOULD OCCUR, THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT REVOKE THE PERMITS ALREADY GRANTED. HE SPOKE FORCEFULLY OF THE NEED TO INSURE ORDERLY DEMONSTRATIONS, INFORMED THE AGENCIES PRESENT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND URGED CLOSE COORDINATION AMONG ALL AGENCIES.  
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